सीमेंट कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया के अंतर्गत कारखाने

2793. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सीमेंट कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया के अंतर्गत कुल कितने कारखाने हैं और इस समय उनमें से कितने कारखाने काम कर रहे हैं;

(ख) वर्ष 1987 से 1997 की अवधि के दौरान कुल कारखानों में से कितने कारखानों को बंद कर दिया गया;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन कारखानों को बंद कर दिए जाने के कारणों का पता लगाया है और इस संबंध में उचित कार्यवाही की है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या कार्यवाही की गई है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) सरकार सीमेंट कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया के बंद पड़े कारखानों को पुनरूज्जीवित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही करना चाहेगी?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखबीर सिंह बादल): (क) 10

(ख) कोई नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) और (ङ) सीमेंट कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया को 1996 में औद्योगिक एवं वित्तीय पुनर्गठन बोर्ड (बी०आई०एफ०आर०) को संदर्भित किया गया था। बी०आई०एफ०आर० ने भारतीय औद्योगिक वित्त निगम को ऑपरेटिंग एजेंसी के रूप में नियुक्त किया तथा इसे एक पुनरूद्धार पैकेज तैयार करने का निदेश दिया। बी०आई०एफ०आर० ने ऑपरेटिंग एजेंसी द्वार तैयार की गई मसौदा पुनरूद्धार योजना को दिनांक 12.6.98 को सभी संबंधितों को उनकी टिप्पणियां देने के लिए परिचालित किया था।

VRS for PSUs

2794. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "VRS for PSUs condemned by TUs" appearing in the "The Statesman" Calcutta dated the 15th June, 1998;

(b) whether employees with thirty years service form only one per cent of the workforce in the CPSUs, as reported;

(c) if not, the percentage of workforce in this category as per Government's estimate;

(d) whether circulars have been issued by Managements threatening suspension of operation in units unless employees opt for VRS;

(e) if so, the legal basis of such action; and

(f) if not, the name of the PSUs where VRS is being planned to facilitate closure of the units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Information relating to categories of workforce in PSUs based on number of years of service rendered is not readily available.

(d) to (f) No case of this nature has come to the notice of Government. Liberalised VRS package when offered will be open for a specific period within which the workers will be required to opt failing which they will be entitled to only retrenchment compensation statutarily admissible.

Development of Village and SSI in North East Region

2795. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the details of step, if any taken

till date to develop village and small scale industries (VSI sector) as enunciated in the New Industrial Policy for North East Region?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT):

Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, the scope of the activities for the North East Region have been expanded to cover areas such as horticulture, higries, poultry, fisheries, small tea gardens, etc. The family income ceiling for the North East has been relaxed to Rs. 40,000 per annum (as against Rs. 24,000 for the rest of the country) and the upper age limit has been increased to 40 years (as against 35 years for the rest of the country).

The Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme was small scale industries in rural/backward areas was launched in 1994. An IID centre on an average is estimated to cost Rs. 5 crores (excluding the cost of land). As per the normal financing pattern under the scheme, the Central Government provides grants upto to Rs. 2 crores and the balance Rs. 3 crores is either arranged as a term loan from Small Industries Development Bank of India or contributed by the State Government by investing their own funds. The cost in excess of Rs. 5 crores is made by the concerned State.

The development of the North-Eastern Region has received particular attention of the Government and in orders to give a thrust for improvement of the infrastructural facilities for setting up the small/tiny units in the North Eastern States, Government has now decided that out of the estimated cost of Rs. 5 crores for setting up of and IID Centre, the Central Government will provide grant upto Rs. 4 crores and the amount of loan from SIDBI will be Rs. 1 crores. The financing pattern in respect of the IID Centres in the North-Eastern Region will, therefore, be in the ratio of 4:1 between the grant from Government of India and loan from SIDBI.

Based on the proposals received from North-Eastern States 2 such IID Centres have been sanctioned and these are located at District Chandel of Manipur and Darrang of Assam. Each Centre on completion is expected to provide for about 450 small scale units.

In addition Khadi and Village Industries Commission has Launched a special programme known as Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP). The major component of REGP are special project on selected village Industries like Hand Made Paper, leather, Bee keeping etc. This programme is also being implemented in the North Eastern Region. KVIC has also launched margin money scheme for financing viable village Industries project. Under this scheme the beneficiaries from NER get an additional benefit of 5% margin money. KVIC in collaboration with the North Eastern Council has sanctioned a Regional Project on development and commercial exploitation of Bee keeping activities in the North East. A Region Institute for providing training for rural artisans and development of village industries specially suited for North Eastern Region with sub-centres in 4-5 States is being planned. Special attention is being paid for development of villalge industries such as Hand Made Paper and Bamboo products in the North Eastern Region taking into consideration the availability of the raw materials.